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Riverside County Transportation Commission: Robin Lown, Hemet

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Ventura County Transportation Commission: Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

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MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Thursday, December 6, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**SCAG Offices
818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor
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Southern California Association of Governments Executive Committee Roster

December 2007

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Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	1 st Vice President
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	2 nd Vice President
Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, L.A. County	Immediate Past President
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	Chair, CEHD
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	Chair, EEC
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	Chair, Administration
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	Chair, TCC

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“Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee.”

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Hon. Gary
Ovitt, Chair

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

3.0 **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

3.1 **Discussion/Approval Items**

3.1 Minutes of November 9, 2007
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3.2 League of Cities Regional
Agency Meeting on SB 375

3.3 Proposed SCAG Legislative
Committee Attachment

Don Rhodes
Manager
Leg Affairs

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3.4 SCAG Letter of Support for
H.R. 4131
Attachment

Don Rhodes

4.0 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

4.1 Discussion of January 3, 2008 Meeting
Schedule

4.2 Appointments

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**



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6.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

6.1 Public Employment (pursuant to Government
Code Section 54957(b))
Title: Executive Director

6.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG;
and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

7.0 ADJOURNMENT



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 9, 2007
MINUTES**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. Members participate via conference call. Roll call was taken. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	1 st Vice President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	2 nd Vice President
Councilmember Debbie Cook	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Jon Edney	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Alan Wapner	Chair, TCC
Mayor Ron Loveridge	Chair, Administration Committee
Councilmember Toni Young	Member, Search Committee

Committee Members Not Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts	Member, Search Committee
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Staff Present

Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ovitt at approximately 10:00 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of November 1, 2007 Meeting

Motion was made (Baldwin) to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS


Motion was made (Baldwin) to enter into closed session. Motion was seconded (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1 Public Employment (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: Executive Director


After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was no final action and there was nothing further to report.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Executive Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2007.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: December 6, 2007
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Donald A. Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs, (213) 236-1840, rhodes@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Proposed SCAG Legislative Committee
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1) The Executive Committee adopt the functions, in addition to its other responsibilities, that might otherwise be addressed through the creation of a Legislative Committee for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and 2) approve the proposed changes to the Legislative Protocol for transmittal to the Regional Council for approval at the council's meeting on December 6, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

Composition of the SCAG Legislative Committee

At its meeting on October 3, 2007, the Executive Committee considered a proposal for the creation of a Legislative Committee. The proposal recommended that either the Executive Committee meet at specified times to perform the functions of the proposed Legislative Committee or that a separate Legislative Committee be formed. The Executive Committee directed SGAC staff to return to a future meeting of the Executive Committee with recommendations regarding the potential formation and membership of a Legislative Committee.

During sessions of the California State Legislature and Congress a quick response is often needed to address legislative matters. A primary role of the proposed Legislative Committee, therefore, would be to make decisions on bill positions and levels of advocacy when time constraints or other considerations precluded a timely Regional Council decision. Staff conferred with both the Chief Counsel and General Counsel and was advised that, without amendment to the SCAG BYLAWS, the Executive Committee is the only body currently empowered to take action on behalf of the association between meetings of the Regional Council. Article V A (9) (c) (1) of the SCAG BYLAWS states:

Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly and Regional Council, and in the event that the Executive Committee determines by majority vote that there is a need to take immediate action prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association.

Based on the advice of Counsel and the existing provisions of the SCAG BYLAWS, staff recommends that the Executive Committee assume the functions of the proposed SCAG Legislative Committee. Staff further recommends that the Executive Committee, after assuming such functions for a period of time, reconsider if, because of workload or other considerations, it should form a subcommittee or separate Legislative Committee to carry out the functions of Legislative Committee.

Meetings and Duties of the Legislative Committee

The Southern California Association of Governments carries out its legislative activities under the provisions of a Legislative Protocol. That protocol, which in past years was included in each year's State and Federal Legislative Program, was adopted as part of the SCAG Policy Manual by the Regional Council at its July 12, 2007 meeting. Staff recommends that the Legislative Protocol section of the SCAG Policy Manual be amended to include the following provisions relating to the duties of the Executive Committee when it functions as a Legislative Committee:

Meetings

Staff recommends that meetings be held at least once a month in conjunction with Executive Committee meetings. Additional meeting, possibly by conference calls, may be needed during sessions of Congress or the California State Legislature. The meetings could be attended by SCAG legislative staff, and, usually by conference call, by SCAG state and federal lobbyists who will provide updates and advice as needed. The lobbyists, by contract, are required to make two oral reports to the Regional Council each calendar year.

Duties

- Oversee formulation and content of Legislative Program in fall of each year.
- Provide direction (including message content, dates, participants, etc.) on SCAG advocacy trips to Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.
- With input from senior management, legislative staff and other SCAG staff as needed, and the policy committees and the Regional Council, select bills to include in legislative matrix for policy committee and RC.
- With input from senior management, legislative and policy staff and members of SCAG task forces, policy committees and the Regional Council, suggest bills to present to policy committees including suggested positions. Existing practice, as outlined in the SCAG legislative protocol, relating to workshops on legislation for policy committees, would continue.
- Guide the course of action for legislative advocacy for bills on which the SCAG Regional Council has taken a position.

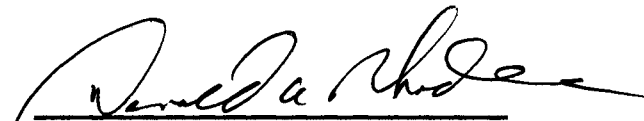
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- Make decisions on bill positions and levels of advocacy when time constraints or other consideration preclude a Regional Council hearing and approval for the SCAG position. Bill positions made in these cases would be reported to the following meeting of the Regional Council. Under existing legislative protocol these decisions may be made by the Executive Director upon consultation with the President.
- Provide guidance on the annual renewals of the state and federal lobbyists' contracts and serve as the screening panel for the selection of new state and federal lobbyists firms.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All work related to this information item is contained within the adopted FY 07/08 budget, WBS# 08-810.SCGS1.

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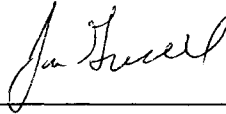
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Chief Financial Officer

REPORT

DATE: December 6, 2007
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Don Rhodes, Manager Legislative Affairs, (213) 236-1840, rhodes@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Letter of Support for H.R. 4131

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize transmittal of the letter of support

BACKGROUND:

Congresswoman Laura Richardson, who replaced Juanita Millender-McDonald as the representative for District 37, has introduced H. R. 4131 into Congress. Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald died on April 22, 2007 while servicing in Congress. H.R. 4131 would designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway."

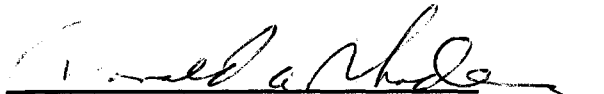
H.R. 4131 memorializes the accomplishments of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald including the work she performed as the founder of the Congressional Goods Movement Caucus advocating vital trade movement projects in Southern California and her efforts in the creation of the 20 mile Alameda Corridor.

The draft letter would register SCAG's support of H.R. 4131.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted resources are available in SCGS 08-810 to process the letter of support.

Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:

Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

December 6, 2007

The Honorable Laura Richardson
United State House of Representatives
2233 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization encompasses six counties (Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial) and the cities, subregions and transportation commissions in those counties in Southern California wishes to go on record as supporting your H. R. 4131. That measure would designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway."

Your resolution lists certain of Juanita Millender-McDonald's many accomplishments. Two of those you list have special significance to SCAG. One is the work she performed as the founder of the Congressional Goods Movement Caucus advocating vital trade movement projects in Southern California. Another is her efforts that were instrumental in the creation of the 20 mile Alameda Corridor. The corridor, and the projects to further it, are a vital link in moving the over 40 percent of foreign trade that flows through the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the rest of the nation.

Juanita Millender-McDonald was a tireless representative for Congressional District 37 and Southern California. We commend you for introducing H. R. 4131.

Sincerely,

Gary Ovitt,
President
Southern California Association of Governments
Supervisor, County of San Bernardino

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To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the `Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway'. (Introduced in House)

HR 4131 IH

110th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. R. 4131

To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the `Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway'.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 9, 2007

Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Ms. WATSON, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FARR, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WATT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the 'Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway'.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

- (1) Juanita Millender-McDonald was born on September 7, 1938, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the Reverend Shelly and Everlina Dortch Millender.
- (2) Juanita Millender-McDonald earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands in 1981, and her master's degree from California State University, Los Angeles, in 1987.
- (3) Juanita Millender-McDonald was a true trailblazer, entering public service in 1990 as a member of the Carson City Council and becoming the first African-American woman to serve on the Carson City Council.
- (4) Continuing as a pioneer, Juanita Millender-McDonald served in the California State Assembly from 1992 to 1996, and in her first term, she became the first assembly member to hold the position of chairwoman of two powerful California State Assembly committees (Insurance and Revenue and Taxation).
- (5) Continuing to make history, Juanita Millender-McDonald served in the United States House of Representatives from 1996-2007, becoming the first African-American woman to chair any full House Committee when on December 19, 2006, she was named Chairwoman of the House Committee on House Administration.
- (6) A leader among leaders, a University of California study named Juanita Millender-McDonald one of the most effective Members of Congress.
- (7) As a Member of Congress, Juanita Millender-McDonald was the first African-American woman to give the national Democratic response to President Bush's weekly radio address.
- (8) Juanita Millender-McDonald initiated the first annual Memorial Day tribute to women in the military at the Women in Military Service For America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.
- (9) As the founder of the Congressional Goods Movement Caucus, Juanita Millender-McDonald was a leader in the promotion of interstate commerce and a tireless advocate for the Port of Long Beach, and the Port of Los Angeles.
- (10) Juanita Millender-McDonald was instrumental in the \$2,500,000,000 project that created the Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile rail expressway that

opened in April 2002 and is a vital connection between the ports and America's rail system.

(11) As the founder and executive director of the League of African-American Women, an organization responsible for the annual 'AIDS Walk for Minority Women and Children', the legacy of Juanita Millender-McDonald as a humble, selfless champion for women will endure for generations to come.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.

The portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, from post mile 10.4 to post mile 11.1 shall be known and designated as the 'Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway'.

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the portion of California State Route 91 referred to in section 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the 'Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway'.

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